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ITEM 138-102-R0308

**Approval of the Multi-Year State Plan for the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006**

**THAT:**

The Board of Regents as the eligible agency for the Carl D. Perkins federal grant provides approval of the Multi-Year State Plan for the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 prior to submission of the plan to the U. S. Department of Education.

**EXPLANATION:**

The Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education (Board of Regents) is the designated state board to coordinate the development and submission of the state plan for career and technical education as required by the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 (Perkins IV).

The State agencies responsible for career and technical education in Montana are the Workforce Development Unit of the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE) and the Division of Career, Technical and Adult Education of the Office of Public Instruction (OPI).

The Board of Regents submits this Multi-Year Montana State Plan for Career and Technical Education under provisions of Perkins IV covering the period of state fiscal years 2008-2012. On behalf of the Board of Regents, the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education will annually review the state's implementation of the state plan as reflected in the annual performance reports submitted by local recipients, including an assessment of the state's aggregate achievement of the adjusted levels of performance for its core indicators.

It must be noted that this state plan centers on a leadership structure that fosters a strong partnership between the Office of Commissioner of Higher Education and the Office of Public Instruction. Collaborative decision-making in the management of federal funds that support career and technical education at both the secondary and postsecondary level is its strength.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

The [Carl D. Perkins Multi-Year State Plan](#) is linked to this item page.